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The attitude of the farmer towards the county agent has changed within the last few years. It used to be that the young agricultural college man who went out as county agent either ran up against repugnance or amused tolerance. The farmers considered them "book farmers" - without practical experience and lacked confidence in them. That attitude was the cause of our employing as county agents at the start only actual farmers. To get the cooperation of the farmers, we found it necessary to go out into the community and take the best and most progressive farmers we could get, without reference to their technical training and use them as county agents. As time went on the farmer has come to respect the knowledge of these younger college trained men.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

Defendant.

Presented by the United States Attorney at the District Court of the Southern District of New York.

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COUNTY AGENT AND HOME DEMONSTRATION MEETINGS ETC.  
COLLEGE SHORT COURSES AND FAIRS

ALABAMA

The Home Demonstration agents are holding the District meeting at Birmingham from May 7th to 10th; headquarters at Tutwiler Hotel.

ARKANSAS

The three group meetings for the County Home Demonstration agents will be held at Fayetteville from - May 10 to 19 - May 17 to 26 - May 24 to June 2.

Mr. Frants P. Lund of this Office will be at Camp Pike May 13th and at Fayetteville from May 15 to 20. He will lecture on the canning of meat and drying of vegetables.

Boys' and Girls' short courses for the Northern District will open at Russelville on July 28th and continue to August 1st: at Magnolia from August 4th to 6th. For the Southeast District the courses will be held at Monticello from August 11th to 15th; and for the Northeast district, at Jonesboro, from August 18th to 22nd.

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

Last August the National Board of Farm Organizations voted for a building to be erected in Washington, to be used as headquarters for the farmers. A building committee was appointed as follows: A. A. Elmore, chairman, Washington State; John A. McSparran, treasurer, Furniss, Penna., Riggs National Bank is custodian for funds for the building.

A six weeks special short course, for the benefit of returning soldiers and sailors, will be held from April 14th to May 24th.

From June 23rd to 24th, a National Conference on "Business training for engineers and engineering training for business men" will be held here.

The Bureau of Markets has appointed David Harrell, of Austin, Texas, as Livestock Commissioner. He will sail for South America about the middle of June and is to investigate the possibilities for pure bred stock from the United States, and to stimulate interest in importations from this country.

The first meeting of the International Labor Conference will be held in Washington next October. Mr. Samuel Gompers has been elected president.

Plans are being made to send a number of boys to the International Stock Show at Chicago this fall. Arkansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi and other Southern states will send boys and pay all their expenses.

FLORIDA

The semi-annual meeting of the East Coast Chamber of Commerce is to be held at Vero, St. Lucie County, from May 12th to 13th.



GEORGIA

Special short courses for training Home Demonstration agents will be held at Athens this summer. These courses will last about six weeks, the dates to be announced later.

1,256 girls in Georgia planted gardens in 1918 under the guidance of the Home Demonstration agents.

Georgia will spend between \$9,000,000 to \$10,000,000 on road construction and improvement. This expenditure will produce a wonderful development in the state.

KENTUCKY

A meeting of the Kentucky Shorthorn Breeders' Association will be held at Sharpsburg on May 22nd.

One of the large banks of Louisville has begun the formation of a pig club. Kentucky bankers last year loaned boys and girls who were members of farm clubs \$75,000 with which to finance their productive operations.

LOUISIANA

Special short courses for training Home Demonstration agents will be held at the Louisiana State University during the summer. Dates not yet received.

The Home Demonstration Work will hold a six weeks course at the Louisiana State University, beginning June 17th and ending July 30th. The course is open for the agents and all who desire to become agents.

The Farmers' Week for this year will be held at the Louisiana State University from July 31st to August 8th. This is the new name for the Farmers' Annual Short Course and the time of meeting has been changed to the summer instead of the winter season as heretofore. While the Farmers' Week is in session there will also be held at the University a general meeting of the livestock interests of Louisiana.

Beginning about one week after the close of Farmers' Week there will be held on August 14th to 21st, inclusive, the Fifth Annual Short Course for members of the boys and girls agricultural clubs of the State who made the best records in their work.

The third term of the Annual Short Course at the Louisiana State University ends June 14th.

The negro work is being carried on most successfully. Five parishes have local women agents supervised and directed by a state supervisor, Blanche A. Perkins. The women and girls of the state are deeply interested.

Mr. Floyd W. Spencer has been appointed Boys' Corn Club Agent to succeed Mr. J. R. Crumpton.

The Louisiana Seed Laboratory at Baton Rouge has been done away with and the farmers of Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi, Texas and New Mexico now use the laboratory at College Station, Texas.

The Louisiana Monroe Bank believes the extension work is a part of their business and feel their success depends on the farmer.



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MARYLAND

The month of May will see the ferry rendering truck service between the Eastern Shore and Baltimore, and great benefit to that section is predicted.

Read carefully. "Field Meetings by Rural Organizations." These community field meetings promise to bring the state of Maryland under the lime light.

A dairy herd is being kept at Beltsville, and experiments in feeding and breeding are conducted by the Government.

MISSISSIPPI

If Dr. Bradford Knapp approves, the Annual Agents' meeting will be held on July 23rd to 29th inclusive. Dr. Knapp is requested to address the agents on the 23rd.

President Smith of the A. & M. College of Mississippi invites all who attended this College to return for the "Old Students' Commencement" held on the 24th, 25th and 26th of May.

NORTH CAROLINA

A National conference is being held by the National American Home Economics Association at Blue Ridge on June 25th to 28th.

Dr. Knapp will attend this conference and on June 26th will discuss the "Organization of Extension Work for Women and Girls in the Southern States." He will also discuss at the general meeting "The Whole Problem of the Home Demonstration Work in Relation to Rural Life."

On May 14th, at Tarboro, a district meeting will be held.

A special three weeks course for teachers in the service begins July 7th and extends through July 23rd and is followed by a conference of Agricultural Workers July 24th and 25th.

The 58th State Fair will be held at Raleigh from October 20 to 25.

The Fair of the Carolinas will be held at Charlotte October 14 to 17.

Mr. E. R. Ramey, former demonstration agent, has been promoted to the position of Farm Specialist in the Extension Service.

During the summer School session at the University of this state a conference will be held for the social workers from July 13 to 20.

OKLAHOMA

The Farm Congress will be held at Stillwater, August 24 to 27.

An Auction Sale of shorthorns will be held on May 14th at Tulsa.



SOUTH CAROLINA

The State Home Demonstration Short Course will be held at Winthrop College, Rockhill, from June 6 to 13 inclusive. There will be 450 women and girls in attendance, five women and five girls from each county in the state. On account of the good work done in the Home Demonstration clubs these women and girls are selected to attend the Short Course. The day of June 7th is set aside for canning and brining especially. Dr. Bedding, of the National Canning Association, is requested to attend.

TENNESSEE

The East Tennessee Farmers' Convention will be held at Knoxville May 13, 14 and 15th. Reconstruction farming methods will be discussed.

A special short course will be held for training the Home Demonstration agents at Peabody College, Nashville. Two courses will be given, the first from June 15 to July; the second from July 22 to August 22.

The great Southern Automobile show and exposition will be held at Bristol for one week, May 10 to 17th.

The third Annual Fat Cattle Show will be held at Nashville on December 10 and 11th. \$2,500 is being offered in cash premiums.

W. C. Caperton, Cashier of Loretto Bank has interested the Tennessee farmers in better systems of farm records.

TEXAS

A special short course of about six weeks will be held for training the Home Demonstration agents at the A. & M. College this summer. Exact date not yet known.

The 22nd Annual Session of the Farmers' Congress will be held at the A. & M. College July 17, 18 and 19th. The officers of the executive committee of the Farmers' Congress are as follows: Fritz Engelhard, president, Eagle Lake; Will B. Munson, vice-president, Denison; M. Falkner, secretary and treasurer, Waco.

The State Short Course will be held at the A. & M. College during the month of July; date given later.

A meeting of the cotton ginners Association is to be held at Dallas May 15 and 16th. 2,000 ginners will be present at the Colliseum.

Assistant State Agent, E. L. Blackshear, states a Farmers' Short Course for colored farmers, of one week only, will be held at Prairie View about the last of July or first of August. Farm carpentry, blacksmithing, farm plumbing cement etc. are some of the subjects demonstrated.

The Waco Chamber of Agriculture will secure a cotton classer for McLennan County by July 1st.

Rockwell county, the smallest county in the state, stands for good roads by a bond issue of \$800,000.

Road and bridge affairs in this state are vested in a commissioner's court, formed in each county by the election of a county judge and one commissioner elected for a term of two years.

J. B. Beers has been placed in charge of cotton classing work at the A. & M. College.

An auction sale of shorthorns will be held at Hillsboro on May 13th.

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VIRGINIA

The Home Demonstration agents holding a district meeting in Fredericksburg will close their meeting on May 10th.

A district meeting will be held at Harrisonburg Normal school beginning the week of June 2nd.

A club rally will be held at Berryville on May 10th.

A club rally will also be held at Danville on May 28th and 29th.

Several test farms have been established in different sections of Virginia..

WEST VIRGINIA

A Short Course for Prize Winners and a Home Demonstration Agents' Conference will be held at Morgantown on June 9th and 13th. Mr. I. W. Hill will be a representative of this Office.

West Virginia is justly proud of the August 1918 results of her urban kitchens at Wheeling, Parkersburg, Huntington and Charleston. This year the hungry will certainly be fed.

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